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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> FY 2005 (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> 09432/168002	
<b>Application Number</b> 09/843,560-Conf. #9436		<b>Filed</b> April 26, 2001	
<b>For</b> TUBULAR JOINT WEAR INDICATOR			
<b>Art Unit</b> 3729		<b>Examiner</b> A. Tugbang	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0591. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 33,995

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
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